



Trinity Presbyterian Church of Norman
Service of Worship of the Triune God

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We are a church for Norman committed
to glorifying God and enjoying Him
forever in and beyond Norman, Oklahoma.

Pre-Service Meditation

Everything Scripture says about shame converges in Jesus. From his birth to his crucifixion, the shame of the world was distilled to its most concentrated form and washed over him.
Ed Welch, *Shame Interrupted*

⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷ “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;
⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

- Romans 4:5-6 (quoting David’s Psalm 32)

¹⁰ Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ ¹¹ Thus says the Lord, “Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house”.
2 Samuel 12:10-11a

³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
John 17:3

Christ, the true and better David, Lowly shepherd, mighty king
He the champion in the battle Where, o death, is now thy sting?
In our place He bled and conquered Crown Him Lord of majesty
His shall be the throne forever We shall e’er His people be; Amen! Amen!
From beginning to end Christ the story, His the glory Alleluia! Amen!

- Keith & Kristen Getty, *Christ the True and Better*

Although all of Christ’s gifts are given in our union with him through faith, justification is a verdict that declares sinners to be righteous even while they are inherently unrighteous, simply on the basis of Christ’s righteousness imputed to them. Whereas Rome teaches that one is finally justified by being sanctified, the evangelical conviction is that one is being sanctified because one has already been justified. Rather than working toward the verdict of divine vindication, the believer leaves the court justified in the joy that bears the fruit of faith: namely, good works.

Michael Horton, *The Christian Faith*

Ascension marks the day on which Jesus went to the Mount of Olives with His disciples and ascended to heaven before their eyes (Acts 1.1-12). Though often overlooked, the ascension of Christ is filled with theological significance. Christ’s ascension means that in heaven there is One who, knowing first-hand the experience of suffering and temptation, prays for us and perfects our prayers. The ascension is a witness and guarantee of our own bodily resurrection, as well as an invitation for us to set our hearts and minds “on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God” (Colossians 3.1-2) to rule over all things in heaven and throughout the universe (Ephesians 1.10, 20-23). Finally, the ascension of Jesus serves as the prelude to Pentecost, when the power of the risen Christ came upon all believers through the Holy Spirit.
The Worship Sourcebook

Welcome and Statement of Purpose

Silent prayer of preparation. Perhaps use prayers and quotes from page two..

We Come to Worship at His Bidding

Let us worship God for who He is, as one eternal God in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and for what he has done in creation and redemption, and for what we will do in the coming consummation. Let us worship God on earth as he is worshipped in heaven.

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:5-8

Minister: God has gone up with a shout,

People: the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Minister: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

People: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Minister: For God is the King of all the earth;

People: sing praises with a psalm!

Minister: God reigns over the nations;

People: God sits on His holy throne.

Prayer of Adoration, Invocation, and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom Come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Greeting

1 Timothy 1:2

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm of the Month

Psalm 32

He Will Hold Me Fast

Come Ye Sinners Poor and Wretched

Lectio Continua

"Terror on Every Side"

Jeremiah 20

Public Confession of Sin

Great was Your mercy in ascending to heaven in being crowned and enthroned there to intercede for me, there to help me in temptation, there to open the eternal book, there to receive me finally to Yourself. Great was Your wisdom in devising this means of salvation; bathe my soul in rich consolations of Your resurrection life.

(continued)

O God, pardon all my sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and not confessed, remembered or forgotten. Help me to be a holy, joy-filled person, free from every wrong desire, from everything contrary to Your mind. Grant me more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule me, may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Isa 53:5; 1 Cor. 6:14

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.... And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism (1563) Lord's Day 49

124. What is the third petition?

"Your will be done in earth as it is in heaven," that is: Grant that we and all men renounce our own will,¹ and without gainsaying obey Your will which alone is good;² that so every one may fulfill his office and calling as willingly and faithfully³ as the angels do in heaven.⁴

¹ Matt 15:24. ² Luke 22:42. Titus 2:12. ³ 1 Cor 7:24. ⁴ Ps 103:20, 21. * Rom 12:2.

* Heb 13:21.

Hymn of Assurance

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

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Congregational Prayer

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Psalm 96:8

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts!



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Offertory Prayer

We encourage the generous giving of tithes and offerings as an act of worship. We invite you to place offerings in the brass plates as they pass by or use our church's simple and secure giving portal on the Trinity Pres app or website.

Offering Hymn

Gloria Patri

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(Parents may take children ages 0-4 to the nursery at this time)

We Are Blessed to Hear, Receive, and Rest upon God's Word

Sermon: "How Can God Justify the Ungodly?"

Rev Justin Westmoreland

2 Samuel 14:1-33

Now Joab the son of Zeruiah knew that the king's heart went out to Absalom. ² And Joab sent to Tekoa and brought from there a wise woman and said to her, "Pretend to be a mourner and put on mourning garments. Do not anoint yourself with oil, but behave like a woman who has been mourning many days for the dead. ³ Go to the king and speak thus to him." So Joab put the words in her mouth.

⁴ When the woman of Tekoa came to the king, she fell on her face to the ground and paid homage and said, "Save me, O king." ⁵ And the king said to her, "What is your trouble?" She answered, "Alas, I am a widow; my husband is dead. ⁶ And your servant had two sons, and they quarreled with one another in the field. There was no one to separate them, and one struck the other and killed him. ⁷ And now the whole clan has risen against your servant, and they say, 'Give up the man who struck his brother, that we may put him to death for the life of his brother whom he killed.' And so they would destroy the heir also. Thus they would quench my coal that is left and leave to my husband neither name nor remnant on the face of the earth."

⁸ Then the king said to the woman, "Go to your house, and I will give orders concerning you." ⁹ And the woman of Tekoa said to the king, "On me be the guilt, my lord the king, and on my father's house; let the king and his throne be guiltless." ¹⁰ The king said, "If anyone says anything to you, bring him to me, and he shall never touch you again." ¹¹ Then she said, "Please let the king invoke the LORD your God, that the avenger of blood kill no more, and my son be not destroyed." He said, "As the LORD lives, not one hair of your son shall fall to the ground."

¹² Then the woman said, "Please let your servant speak a word to my lord the king." He said, "Speak." ¹³ And the woman said, "Why then have you planned such a thing against the people of God? For in giving this decision the king convicts himself, inasmuch as the king does not bring his banished one home again. ¹⁴ We must all die; we are like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. But God will not take away life, and he devises means so that the banished one will not remain an outcast. ¹⁵ Now I have come to say this to my lord the king because the people have made me afraid, and your servant thought, 'I will speak to the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his servant. ¹⁶ For the king will hear and deliver his servant from the hand of the man who would destroy me and my son together from the heritage of God.' ¹⁷ And your servant thought, 'The word of my lord the king will set me at rest,' for my lord the king is like the angel of God to discern good and evil. The LORD your God be with you!"

¹⁸ Then the king answered the woman, "Do not hide from me anything I ask you." And the woman said, "Let my lord the king speak." ¹⁹ The king said, "Is the hand of Joab with you in all this?" The woman answered and said, "As surely as you live, my lord the king, one cannot turn to the right hand or to the left from anything that my lord the king has said. It was your servant Joab who commanded me; it was he who put all these words in the mouth of your servant. ²⁰ In order to change the course of things your servant Joab did this. But my lord has wisdom like the wisdom of the angel of God to know all things that are on the earth."

²¹ Then the king said to Joab, "Behold now, I grant this; go, bring back the young man Absalom." ²² And Joab fell on his face to the ground and paid homage and blessed the king. And Joab said, "Today your servant knows that I have found favor in your sight, my lord the king, in that the king has granted the request of his servant." ²³ So Joab arose and went to Geshur and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. ²⁴ And the king said, "Let him dwell apart in his own house; he is not to come into my presence." So Absalom lived apart in his own house and did not come into the king's presence.

²⁵ Now in all Israel there was no one so much to be praised for his handsome appearance as Absalom. From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

²⁶ And when he cut the hair of his head (for at the end of every year he used to cut it; when it was heavy on him, he cut it), he weighed the hair of his head, two hundred shekels by the king's weight. ²⁷ There were born to Absalom three sons, and one daughter whose name was Tamar. She was a beautiful woman.

²⁸ So Absalom lived two full years in Jerusalem, without coming into the king's presence. ²⁹ Then Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king, but Joab would not come to him. And he sent a second time, but Joab would not come. ³⁰ Then he said to his servants, "See, Joab's field is next to mine, and he has barley there; go and set it on fire." So Absalom's servants set the field on fire. ³¹ Then Joab arose and went to Absalom at his house and said to him, "Why have your servants set my field on fire?" ³² Absalom answered Joab, "Behold, I sent word to you, 'Come here, that I may send you to the king, to ask, 'Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me to be there still.' Now therefore let me go into the presence of the king, and if there is guilt in me, let him put me to death.'" ³³ Then Joab went to the king and told him, and he summoned Absalom. So he came to the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king, and the king kissed Absalom.

Leader: "The grass withers, and the flower fades,

All: but the word of the Lord stands forever."

Proposition and Outline: As compromised as the elder King David had become (2 Samuel 11-13), extreme manipulation will be needed to reconcile with his ungodly son, Absalom. In this we see a foil for the reconciliation of a holy God with ungodly sinners in justification secured by King Jesus in his active and passive obedience, upon which all should believe and rely.

- I- Just as if One Had Never Sinned (Passive Obedience of Christ)
- II- Just as if One Had Always Obeyed (Active Obedience of Christ)
- III- The Rights and Privileges of Justification (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Illustrated for Small Children



Jesus takes



Jesus gives



The Result for his brothers and sisters

Responding to God's Word Preached

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Hymn of Communion

He Will Hold Me Fast

People: Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again!

Exhortation and Encouragement

Hymn of Commitment

Come Ye Sinners, Poor & Wretched

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Minister: Christ is Risen!

People: He is risen, indeed! Amen!

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Doxology

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Improving the Sermon:

1. Joab manipulated David (with the Tekoan woman) to get his desire and Absalom manipulated Joab (burning his barley field) to get his way. Do you sometimes feel that you need to manipulate God to get Him to do your will or fulfill your desire? If so, of what idolatrous image of God or worldly wisdom in your hear must you repent?
2. Do we relate to God as if he were like King David or like King Jesus? On a scale of 1-10, 1 being least important, 10 being most urgent, how important is it to mortify wrong ideas and half-truths that we embrace about God?
3. How does one confess and mortify this particular sin and repent of it? How does one make it right?
4. What are the differences between Nathan and David's story in Chapter 12 and the story of the woman of Tekoa and David in Chapter 14?
5. How does David's kiss or Absalom make you feel in verse 33? How does the father's kiss of his son in the story of Luke 15:20 make you feel? What is different? What justification can there be for such an action?

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Ongoing and Upcoming Events

Discipleship Classes

9:30 -10:15 a.m.

Adults: *Praying with Paul*

Youth: *Daniel*

Kids: *Obeying God*

Nursery: *God's Son*

Fellowship O'Connell's Weds. June 11 5:30-7 p.m.

Session Meeting Wed, June 4 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Bible studies

Men's - Rudy's BBQ, *Matthew* Tuesday 6:30 a.m.

Women's - Resumes in August Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

RYM summer camp Laguna Beach June 30-July 4

Today's Bible Reading 2 Chronicles 15-16; John 12:27-50



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Hymn of the Month: A Debtor to Mercy Alone

Psalm of the Month: Psalm 32